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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/3/01
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 2 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Robertson(US Pat. No"(US Pat. No: 6,609,106) in view of Holland(US Pat. No: 6,618.753).

2. As per claims 1-20 Robertson teaches a system for providing electronic gift purchasing comprising tracking gift ideas and related events and notifying the user prior to the event date with a reminder(Abstract)(col 9 line 5-col 11 line 25).Robertson teaches a gift registry site(Fig 1/70) and a reminder database(Fig 1/77) as well as a user database(Fig 1/71) and a notification database(Fig 1/78). Robertson teaches a gift registration agent(Fig 1/68) and a gift purchase database(Fig 1/66).Robertson also teaches assigning a unique identifier for the service provider by the gift registry site(Fig 2/104).Robertson teaches the gift registry site sending an e-mail confirmation of registration to the service provider contact(Fig 2/105).Robertson further teaches sending an e-mail confirmation to the user also(Fig 2/96).Robertson further teaches that the user tags the items of interest(Fig 3/112) as well as the user providing gift registry information(Fig 3/118). Robertson also teaches adding gift item information to a wish list(Fig 4/136/134) and the gift registry site adds the item in the centralized database for the wish list(Fig 4/138).Robertson also teaches a reminder registration process(Fig 5/80/130/150/152/154/156/159) as well as the gift registry system checking records in the reminder database(Fig 6).Robertson also teaches the user purchasing the registered gift(Fig 7/202) when the user receives the reminder (Fig 7/190).Robertson

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also teaches a gift registry site(Fig 8) and that the gift registry site displays the user wish list items((Fig 8/216).Robertson also teaches the service provider registers a "sale" event(Fig10B/242).Robertson also teaches gift registration, purchase registration and sale registration(Fig 11/242/234/232/198). Robertson also teaches a product reseller catalog(Fig 14/60). Robertson also teaches shipping information for a gift(Fig 16) and user reminders(Fig 25) as well as costs of items for gifts(Fig 27) and descriptions(Fig 27) and resellers(Fig 27/500).Robertson teaches the cost of gifts on the wish list(Fig28). In addition to that taught by Robertson, Holland teaches a method of creating an aggregated Internet accessible registry for gift purchasing(Abstract)(col 2 line 34-col 3 line 40).Holland teaches a web site(Fig 1/132) with a registry database(Fig 1/140) as well as a user interface(Fig 1/108) as well as an online catalog(Fig 2/202).Holland also teaches a general user identifier(Fig 3/302) and an event type(Fig 3/318) and a personal web page(Fig 3/320). Holland teaches a data structure of an aggregated purchase list with N orders in one provider data base(Fig 9/908-1-1....Fig 9/908-1-N) and M orders in another provider database(Fig 9/908-2-1.....Fig 9/908-2-M). Holland also teaches updating an online catalog(Fig 11/1108) as well as outlet stores (1...N)(Fig 12/1204-1....Fig 12/1204-N) operating from the provider master registry database(Fig 12/1206).It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Robertson in view of Holland to teach the invention. The motivation to combine is to teach a method to expand the content of registries beyond traditional retail content as is enunciated by Holland(col 2 lines 25-31).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 USC 101 as failing to describe a concrete, useful and tangible result.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE NON-FINAL.**

5. Any questions concerning this communication should be addressed to the examiner of record, Dr. Geoffrey Akers, P.E., who can be reached between 6:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday at 703-306-5844. If attempts to contact the examiner are unsuccessful, the primary examiner's superior, Mr. Vincent Millin, SPE, may be telephoned at (703)-308-1065.

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